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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR KOPER REFINERY MAY BE MOVING AHEAD

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1. SEVERAL PRESS ARTICLES RECENTLY HAVE INDICATED THAT PLANS FOR BUILDING A REFINERY AT SLOVENIAN PORT OF KOPER MAY BE MOVING AHEAD. ACCORDING TO ZAGREB'S DAILY "VJESNIK," ON BASIS OF "FINANCIAL CONSTRUCTION AND PRODUCTION PROGRAM DEPENDING MAINLY ON NATIONAL COMPANIES OF THE THIRD WORLD," KOPER PLANS BEGIN CONSTRUCTION 1975 OF 5-MILLION-TON CAPACITY REFINERY, 60 PER CENT OF WHOSE PRODUCTION WILL BE EXPORTED.

2. PETROCHEMICAL INVESTMENTS AND NEW 320 MW THERMAL PLANT ALSO PLANNED. INVESTOR FOR POWER PLANT REPORTEDLY SOSKA ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISE OF NOVA GORICA. REFINERY AND PETROCHEMICALS, AS REPORTED REPAIR, WOULD BE CONTRACTED BY CONSORTIUM "SERMIN."

3. OFFICIALS OF SERMIN REITERATED TO US APRIL 26 THEIR POTENTIAL INTEREST IN US REFINERY EQUIPMENT.

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4. COMMENT: THOUGH SOME CRITICS IN OTHER REPUBLICS CONTINUE

CRITICIZE KOPER REFINERY CONCEPT AS UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION
CAPACITIES, SLOVENES--IF ABLE GENERATE SOLID COM-
MITMENTS FOREIGN JOINT-VENTURE CAPITAL--MAY PROVE HARD
TO RESIST. IN VIEW FLARE UP "ZONE B," PROPOSALS FOR NEW
INVESTMENTS FOR KOPER ALSO ENJOY POLITICAL TIMELINESS, AS
EVIDENCE YUGOSLAV WILLINGNESS BUILD UP AREA.
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